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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Diana M. Downs
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Examiner:

Title: METHOD FOR PREVENTING
SUPEROXIDE DAMAGE TO
CELLS AND OXYGEN-LABILE
PROTEINS

Attorney Docket: 960296.97559

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In the above-identified case, please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Please insert the enclosed paper copy of the sequence listing into the application after the "Abstract of the Disclosure."

Please replace paragraph [0021] in the application with the following:

A1 [0021] MXRXXXCXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX XXPXXXGXXX XXXXXXXXXXXWX
XWXXXQTXLX NEXXLXXXXX XXRXX (SEQ ID NO:1), wherein X is any amino acid.

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In the drawings:

Per 37 C.F.R. 1.121(d), the enclosed Fig. 1A for replacing the existing Fig. 1A in the application shows changes in red for approval by the Examiner.